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**Granville Waratah SFC Newsletter  
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## FROM THE PREZ

As we approach the end of the season, we start to turn our minds towards the Finals and our end of season Presentation Day. I can say with confidence that all of our full field teams save one will be playing finals footballs – this is a very good achievement for our club that we can all be proud of. I look forward to announcing and hopefully congratulating teams the deeper they go into the finals as they head for a Grand Championship. With every finals win the club can celebrate as a community. And the deeper our teams go into the finals the bigger their trophies they will receive!

**Sunday 22 September 2019 – Lock in this date into your calendars – It is our Presentation Day!** (More details will be provided next week)

For Presentation Day every finals player will receive a trophy and, commencing this year, the MiniRoos will receive a special medal we are getting customised for our club. There are three types of MiniRoo Medals: a different one for each of the age groups; under 6 & 7's, under 8 & 9's and under 11 & 12's. I am certain you will be impressed.

In addition to trophies and MiniRoos Medals, the coaches will select a player from each team of each age group for the following Perpetual Awards:

Age	Award Name	Awarded For	Age	Award Name	Awarded For
U6	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	U11	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent
U6	H Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	U11	Tony Farrell Shield	Most Improved
U7	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	U13	Mark Jankovic Shield	Most Consistent
U7	L Walker Shield	Most Improved	U13	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved
U8	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	U14	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent
U8	D Shipton Shield	Most Improved	U14	Colin Kehoe Shield	Most Improved
U9	R Burnett Shield	Best and Fairest	U15	Beau Worthington Trophy	Most Consistent
U9	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	U15	J. Marsh Shield	Most Improved
U10	I. Tye Shield	Best and Fairest	U16	Noel Dona Trophy	Most Valuable
U10	Borg Trophy	Most Improved	U16	Ken Vairy Shield	Most Improved

Then towards the end of the Presentation we have three more very special Trophies to award:

- The Bill Henderson Player of the Year
- The Young Player of the Year
- The Team of the Year

All of these awards are very special and the winners are forever entrenched into the 118 year history of our club!

To accommodate our growing club, this year we will be changing the format of Presentation Day so that the day is even more entertaining and fun. More details soon...

## RESULTS FROM ROUND 16

A mixed bag of results from round 16, we had the same number of wins and losses. Most of our full field teams will be gearing up for the finals starting August 24<sup>th</sup> - Go GWSFC!

Age Group / Div.	Home Team	Home Score	Away Score	Away Team
08 Koalas	Newington Gunners	1	1	Granville Waratah SFC
08 Wombats	Regents Park	3	2	Granville Waratah SFC
09 Dolphins	Greystanes FC	2	6	Granville Waratah SFC
09 Koalas	Granville Waratah SFC	5	3	Silverwater Flamingos
09 Wombats	Holroyd Rangers	8	1	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Dolphins	Granville Waratah SFC	2	2	Wenty Waratah
10 Koalas	Pendle Hill	2	1	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Possums	Toongabbie Demons	12	0	Granville Waratah SFC
11 Possums	Newington Gunners	0	6	Granville Waratah SFC
13 Combined	Silverwater Flamingos	1	0	Granville Waratah SFC
14 Div. 3	Granville Waratah SFC	8	1	Auburn District
15 Combined	Greystanes FC	0	3	Granville Waratah SFC
16 Div. 2	Granville Waratah SFC	Bye		
AAM Div. 5 WHT	Pendle Hill SC	2	4	Granville Waratah SFC
AAM Div. 5 BLK	Granville Waratah SFC	0	7	Ermington United

## MATCH REPORTS

It is our intention to feature in all newsletters, every match report we receive. Coaches, managers and parents, please organise among you to ensure someone is selected to write a report of the match!

All previous newsletters are available from the club website via this link:

<http://granvillewaratah.com/wp/newsletters/>

**Please Note:** The final score will only be shown for U8s and up. For 6s and 7s we don't want to encourage parents to focus on the score but how much fun and enjoyment their kids are having.

Each week we choose the best report to be the **Featured Match Report**, this week the **Under 9 Koalas** get it for recounting what is probably the greatest result reversal for any team in a long, long time. Thanks to **Jody** for sending it in!

The **Under 9 Koalas** also win the Photos of the Round for great action shots of the players. Thanks to **Suresh** and **Amit** for sending them in!

## Under 9 Koalas – Featured Match Report

The Koalas were up against **Silverwater Flamingos** last weekend, a team that beat our Koalas by 10 to nil earlier in the season, and it was a day that won't be forgotten in a hurry! The Koalas were not about to let such a big defeat happen again and were up for the challenge this time around.

A goal scored by the Koalas in the first ten minutes gave the team the drive they needed to show Silverwater that they weren't going to be such easy pickings.

By the end of the half the team was leading by four goals to nothing and the Koalas realised they were very much in for a shot at winning the game. Nothing was going to stop them and the team was feeling pretty confident going into the second half.



*Faheem rampages down the right*

That was until they realised Silverwater had other ideas. The Flamingos scored minutes into the second half and before we knew it the score had jumped to 4-3 with the Koalas still in the lead but only just. We really needed to work harder than ever before.

Everyone could feel the tension in the air as the two teams battled it out. Suddenly the Koalas scored another goal to relieve some pressure and restore a two goal buffer. Everyone on the sidelines breathed in a huge sigh of relief but the tension was still there due to the fact the match was still not over!

Finally, after what seemed like ages, the whistle blew for the end of game and one of the great result reversals of the season for any team was accomplished. Going from a 10-0 loss to a 5-3 win really goes to show how much the Koalas have improved as a team this season!

The Player of the Match has to be **Faheem** for his hat-trick of goals including a memorable strike from beyond halfway that flew across the field and straight into the net. What a goal!

The other two goals were scored by **Veydant** and **Ram**. Well done boys!

We cannot forget our amazing goal keepers on the day, **Veydant** and **Srivardhan**. It was an outstanding job by these two



*Ram fiercely contests for the ball*

stopping the other team scoring many times.

We also saw a near miss from **Shaurya** who just missed out on a goal and some very clever moves from **Joshua** who managed to keep the ball away from the Flamingo's many times with some smart tackles.

Our newest player, **Nithin**, has shown a massive improvement since he joined the club and fits very well into the team. Well done **Nithin**, great defense!

Finally, **Aditya**, what an amazing job at defending and **Ariv** didn't go unnoticed for some very clever passes.



*Faheem launches the ball into the stratosphere (nice throw in Faheem!)*

Well done boys for an outstanding effort. We are all very proud of you!

**Coach Anand**

**Final Score: 5 – 3 to Granville Waratah SFC**

Report by **Jody**



## Under 7 Koalas WHT

With only a few games left before the end of the season, we travelled to Coleman Park to play against **Lidcombe Waratahs**, eager to continue our upward trajectory of improvement from week to week in all facets of the game.

Our team kicked off to get the match underway and we found ourselves instantly on the back foot and under attack from Lidcombe through one of their players who skilfully dribbled his way past each of our team members and knocked the ball into the net.

Before we could take stock of what happened and regroup, a second red wave of Lidcombe attack came after the restart when our defence failed to clear the ball effectively from the goalmouth and all of a sudden we were already two goals down after only a minute of play.

This dramatic start to the game forced me to come up with a plan on the run to stop the flow of goals against a team that were clearly skilful and switched on. I decided to adjust our formation and move **Arav** to a fullback position alongside **Tristan** to provide some extra support in our defence. I figured that once we stop the goals being scored at a rapid rate against us, we could then move to a more attacking mode of play.



*Liam on the ball with Sineth close by*

The change had immediate results as Lidcombe continued to come at us but this time we were able to defend and scramble and stop their players getting through, thanks to the defensive efforts of **Varish**, **Aryan**, **Tristan** and **Arav**, tag-teaming to deny the home team from completely dominating us.

**Liam** and **Adriel** were working hard in the middle of the field to turn our defence into attack, getting the ball into space and feeding it to **Sineth** and **Sushanth** further up the field. Our passing game was starting to develop well, however we weren't getting much luck as a few deflections, near misses and some 50-50 challenges just didn't go our way. Lidcombe on the other hand were able to convert 2 more chances before the halftime whistle and went to the break with a handy 4-goal lead.



*Sineth on the ball with Arav in support*

I was pleased to see and hear the attitude of our team was still very positive and upbeat on the bench. The team had responded well after being caught out early and there was plenty to like about their performance despite the score-line.

Soon after the second half began our defence was called into action once more. **Aryan** positioned himself well to block several shots from Lidcombe and **Tristan** was inspirational as he launched himself at the opposition to halt their progress and threw himself from side to side to block their attempts at the target.

Lidcombe added another goal to their total, but Granville were not giving up and were passing, calling and moving the ball well between each player. **Sushanth** was the recipient of some good work from his teammates and was able to get a clear strike on goal with his favoured left foot, resulting in screams of excitement from players and parents as it hit the back of the net.

Filled with confidence, the team lifted in energy and could have easily scored a couple more goals, as a few shots just flew wide of the posts from **Sineth, Adriel, and Sushanth**. **Sineth** finally got one to go straight off the boot to claim our second goal for the team, which was well deserved after everybody had worked so hard to retain possession and turn things around in our favour.

Lidcombe scored once more to close out the match and win easily in the end, however the result probably didn't reflect how well I thought our team had played. Our shape and formation, passing and calling was some of the best I had seen this year. **Liam** and **Tristan** both received Player of the Match awards for their fantastic effort throughout the whole game and commitment to the team.

The record books will show that we lost this game convincingly, but for those who were there to witness the match, they will know the Granville Koalas put on a very impressive display of skill, teamwork, effort and attitude.

Keep up the great work boys!

**Coach Anthony**



*POTM Tristan and Liam*



## Under 7 Possums

This week we took on **Holroyd Rangers** for the first time this season. The team was unsure of what to expect from the match but as usual the Possums did not disappoint. It was a fun game for players, coaches and parents.

The match started with **Aditya, Savya, Moksha** and **Yash** first up. We have been working on how to kick-off as a team and focusing on passing the ball to each other rather than kicking it up field. Good work team for putting into practice what we do at training.

The match started with a bang as the team pressured Holroyd in their half and would not relent with the sustained pressure. **Savya** dribbled the ball with lightning pace up the right wing and brought it to the center. **Yash** made a good tackle and the ball fell to the feet of **Aditya** who took a touch, dribbled with pace past and went right towards goal before smashing it into the back of the net. Great goal team!

Next up was **Ella, Farhan, Rose** and **Nicholas**. **Farhan** kicked-off by passing it to **Ella** so we could keep possession. **Ella** made several excellent dribbles and showed the Holroyd boys how it's done! Nice work **Ella**!

**Farhan** made some nice touches of the ball and has worked hard this season and showed just how much his touch of the ball has improved. Good work **Farhan**. **Nicholas** made some excellent tackles and was very helpful in passing the ball to teammates especially from the dead ball situation. **Rose** was full of energy as usual and ran around happily helping the team.



**Tania** and **Rania** were up next and I am very happy with the effort they both put in. Both girls got right into the thick of things and were not afraid to chase the ball down and make some good tackles and dribbles.

At full time we all got to enjoy some delicious mandarins for a snack and took a team photo. Mysteriously, candies are usually distributed amongst the team at full without the coach knowing where they come from so the fruit was a nice surprise! However, the kids always run their socks off all game so it is always a well-deserved treat!

Our Player of the Match went to **Savya** for his great dribbles but most importantly for his enthusiasm every game. **Savya** is always happy to do as asked by the coach at training and game days and is always happy on the field. Good work **Savya**.

It is amazing to think there are only two games left this season. It has all gone very quickly and the squad has come together very well. Possums, let's enjoy the couple of weeks we have left and have lots of fun at training and game days.

**Coach Anthony**

## Under 9 Dolphins

The team was up against **Greystanes FC** on the weekend, another match I was looking forward to as the last time we played them we could only manage a 1-1 draw. It is useful re-reading old match reports as my memory of the game differed significantly from what was written! I thought we were lucky to draw the game but the report suggests that the reason we failed to win was due to not being clinical in front of goal.

Nevertheless, I made sure to remind the team that we were up against quality opposition and to not take for granted we would score six goals or more (like we had in previous weeks). Apparently, our opposition had less respect for us than we did for them as a Greystanes player was overheard saying that it was going to be ‘the easiest game ever’ which may have been one of the causes of their downfall!

We started the first half well and it wasn’t long before we opened our account with a well-taken goal by **Ajiri**. The team was oozing confidence but Greystanes aren’t push-overs and they equalised soon afterwards to ensure an engrossing first half.

We scored our second soon afterwards from a fine effort by **Nathan** and so entered the break with a slight lead. I thought the team was playing well but that we needed to track back more and defend. I wanted everyone, especially the midfielders, worn out when they were substituted, not with pristine faces devoid of sweat! I think the players took this to heart because...

In the second half we simply blew them away! Granville added three more goals to our tally with

**Nathan, Ishan & Siddhant** all finding the net, and both teams contributed an own goal each to make the final score 6-2 in our favour. For the third week in a row we have scored at least five goals, showing that the team is just brimming with attacking intent. Now all we have to do is work out how to stop leaking goals and we’re all good! This is *not* to say our defenders in **Ethan** and **Harsh** are responsible for this, it is usually a failing by the entire team. In fact, both **Harsh** and **Ethan** are absolutely indispensable to this team!

The best goal of the second half was from a corner taken by **Siddhant** that we all initially thought had gone all the way into the goal but a grinning **Ishan** said it came off his head. Later, when I was looking through the photos of the game, one of them shows **Ishan** getting himself ready to head the ball, and then another showing the ball nestle into the net. Not that we didn’t believe you, **Ishan**, but great goal!



*Ishan wheels away to celebrate after heading in from a corner*

The other star of the second half was **Anuj** in goals who took over from **Siddhant** in the first half. Normally **Anuj** is patrolling midfield and providing assists for our striker, if not scoring himself. So it was a revelation to see **Anuj** so commanding between the sticks. No less than three times he stopped the ball going in the net by either being perfectly positioned, or simply saving well with excellent reflexes. Great job **Anuj**!

The feeling after the match was one of the best I've felt all season and I think everyone felt the same or similar. We have a good bunch of players who get on well with each other and support each other and I dearly hope their parents don't suddenly decide to move out of the area so we can keep this group together for the years to come.

The team is having a really great season but it definitely helps to have a well-organised group of parents who help with the admin side of organising the team. The jerseys get washed and returned, stats are compiled, the half-time oranges are always there, great action shot photos are taken, and everyone knows when and where to go for games. Thanks, parents!

Having said that, we could work on players arriving the full 20 minutes before the match starts to warm up properly, but having that as my only grumble means we are doing very well in all other areas!

**Coach Andy**

**Final Score: 2 – 6 to Granville Waratah SFC**



*The entire team of 11 players ... hang on, there's only 10 in the picture, where's **Ethan**?... see the photo above :)*

## Under 10 Dolphins

The best way to give your coach a heart attack, in 3 simple steps:

**Step 1:** Play some of the best soccer you have played all year as a team.

**Step 2:** Completely dominate the game against a team - **Wenty Waratahs** - that you significantly lost to the last time you went head to head.

**Step 3:** Set up goal after goal – play after play – but (and here’s the clincher!): rarely manage to convert any of those *so very hard-won and skilfully-created opportunities...!*

It’s *definitely* a recipe to make the heart beat a little unwell, and a little dangerously...

The final score was 2-2. A vast improvement from the prior match up against Wenty, which saw them breezily destroy us 7-1. But this week’s game could have *easily* read, at least, 8 to 2 to Granville had more of the many opportunities made been utilised and completed. Well done though boys, well done. Again – guts and grace on the field, from all. Next step: getting all that hard set up work over the line!

At the end of it all – after the arduous journey of those two complicated halves – there stood an even older-looking Waratah coach. A shadow of a man of what once was... his posture a little further hunched. His hair a little less there – and a little more grey; a little more white. And his heart – oh, his heart! – *SLOWLY* returning to a more normal safe base-line. (Stick in there, mate; you – and we – know they – and it – are all worth it!).

**Adee** earned the Player of the Match award – one our two goal converters on the day – and one of our team of many non-stop players. **Ethan** also managed convert one of our many wonderfully-crafted goal opportunities.

Keep up the hard work and progress, fine young men. Fine young men – one and all:

**Sarth, Hrrishi, Sai, Deon, Rayan, Tom, Aryan, Noah, Dhruv, Ethan, Adee, Saharsh, Angus and Frank.**

**Coach Steve**

Coach’s Player of the Match: **Adee**

**Final Score: a 2 – 2 draw**

Report by **From the Sidelines**



*Ethan just before conversion*



*Adee just before glory*



*Adee is POTM*

## Under 10 Possums

Our game against **Toongabbie Demons** was an improvement to last week's game as the team played very well as a unit. I know for sure with more training and learning to play in position the team will get better.

Congratulations for last week to **Charlie** (right) and **Anthony** (far right) who both played very well in the midfielder's positions and they both received the Player of the Match award.

This week's Player of the Match was **Anthony** again for his outstanding effort.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and encouragement.

**Coach Cetin**

**Final Score: 12 – 0 to Toongabbie Demons**



## Under 11 Possums

The team has bounced back from last week's 4-1 loss to record an outstanding 6-0 victory over **Newington Gunners** on the weekend.

The team followed our strategy for the game very well, showing seriousness with our defence and a good attitude towards the match. It was a great team effort and everyone deserves the Player of the Match trophy.

The team's Messi (**Zach**) scored four goals while our Neymar (**Ali**) chipped in with one. We also saw **Saksham** score his first for the season, well done **Saksham**!

Our midfield players – **Shivvesh** and **Aneishah** – patrolled the midfield well, helping out the defence by keeping the ball in the opposition half, while our defenders in **Deshaun**, **Guled**, **Taaha**, and **Prabhnoor** did very well to keep a clean sheet. Well done!

**Nilay** showed off his good ball control and passing skills while we saw great performances in goal by **Saksham**, **Taym** and **Taaha**, who pulled on the goalie gloves in turn.

Let's keep the great spirit in the team going for our last two matches of the season!

**Coach Kumar**

**Final Score: 0 – 6 to Granville Waratah SFC**



## Under 15 Combined

After our big win last match, I felt the boys would be up to playing at that same level high level – well we weren't.

Not that we played bad but I wanted great again, which to be fair, would be difficult as **Greystanes FC** are in the bottom half of the ladder.

Instead I got a good solid performance. We kept another clean sheet and **Rishabh** was only called to make one real save.

We are the best defensive team in the competition for a reason and our defensive wall of **Shree, Nicholas** – both were Players of the Match – and **Sam** take pride in not being beaten.

We scored three goals, two in the first half and one in the second half. The last goal was a real classy gem – a beautiful cross from **Moey** on the left that allowed **Ahmad** to volley the ball into the back of the net. Sweet!

We celebrated by singing our Victory song and splashing water everywhere!

**Coach Noel**

**Final Score: 0 – 3 to Granville Waratah SFC**



**Soccer**  
is my  
life